Lawyer for Assassinations Panel Resigns Over Decision on Ray

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 (AP) — A lawyer for the House assassinations committee has resigned to show his "dissatisfaction" with the panel's decision not to recall James Earl Ray as a witness.

Mr. Ray, who had confessed to killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in April 1968 but later recanted, had been scheduled to testify for a second time, on Thursday.

Michael Eberhardt, the committee's assistant chief deputy counsel, said he resigned Friday. The committee, on a split vote Thursday, decided that Mr. Ray could not provide enough new evidence to justify the expense of bringing him back to Washington from Tennessee, where he is imprisoned.